

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (c) No Proposal has been received from the State Government of Goa for setting up an Overseas Recruitment Agency under the Emigration Act, 1983.

(d) to (f) Nine Registration Certificates under the Emigration Act, 1983 have been issued to Societies/Agencies owned by State Governments. For establishment of such agencies only an application under Section 11 of Emigration Act, 1983 is required.

Voting rights to Overseas Indians

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SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are determined to provide; right to vote to non-resident Indians;
- (b) if so, by when the law would be drafted in this matters; and
- (c)the reasons for delay in giving right to vote to non-resident Indians?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (c) With a view to enabling citizens of India who are absenting from their place of ordinary residence owing to their employment, education or otherwise outside India to get their names enrolled in the electoral rolls and cast their votes when they are in their constituency at the time of polls, the Government introduced the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2006 in Rajya Sabha on 27-02-2006. The said Bill was referred to the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice for examination. The Committee presented its Report to Rajya Sabha/laid in Lok Sabha on the 4th August, 2006. The Report is being examined in the Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice.

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